Docket No.: 2936-0243PUS1

(PATENT)

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Patent Application of:

Hirokazu OOE et al.

Application No.: 10/535,494 Confirmation No.: 3946

Filed: November 7, 2005 Art Unit: 1742

For: ION ELUTION UNIT AND APPLIANCE Examiner: H. D. Wilkins

INCORPORATING AN ION ELUTION UNIT

THIRD PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Prior to examination on the merits, please amend the above-identified U.S. patent application as follows.

This Preliminary Amendment includes:

- Amendments to the Specification;
- Amendments to the Abstract;
- Amended Claim Set; and
- Remarks.